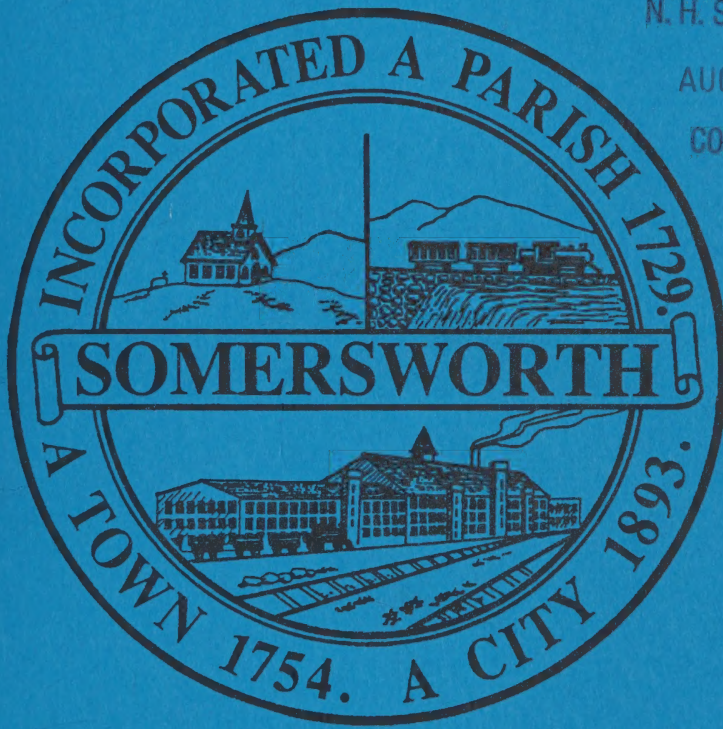


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# CITY OFFICIALS

## **MAYOR**

Michael X. Watman  
Term Exp. Jan. 2008

## **CITY MANAGER**

Robert Belmore

## **CITY COUNCIL**

Terms Exp. Jan. 2008

### **Ward 1**

William Guilmette

### **Ward 2**

Roger Gagne

### **Ward 3**

Mike Micucci

### **Ward 4**

Todd Marsh

### **Ward 5**

Denis Messier

### **At Large**

Terms Exp. Jan. 2010

Brian Tapscott

Sherie Dinger

Arvid Wiggin

Dana Hilliard

## **ASSESSOR**

Janice Carruth

## **CITY ATTORNEY**

Mitchell & Bates, PA

## **CITY CLERK**

Nancy A. Liebson, retired 7/06

Diane M. DuBois, replaced

## **CITY ENGINEER**

David Foster

## **CITY PLANNER**

David Sharples

## **CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER**

John Bennett

Tim Metivier, replaced

## **DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT SERVICES**

Craig Wheeler

## **DIRECTOR OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION**

Heather Briggs

Scott A. Smith, replaced

## **FIRE CHIEF**

Donald Messier

## **LIBRARIAN**

Debora Longo

## **POLICE CHIEF**

Dean Crombie

## **TAX COLLECTOR**

Margaret Wagner

## **WELFARE DIRECTOR**

Carolyn Cocklin

## **SCHOOL BOARD**

Terms Exp. Jan. 2008

### **Ward 1**

Carol Downes, Resigned

Peter Houde, Replaced

### **Ward 2**

David Littlefield, Resigned

Nancy Michaud, Replaced

Timothy Logsdon, Elected

### **Ward 3**

Brenda Heon

### **Ward 4**

Robert Gibson

### **Ward 5**

Nancy Michaud, Resigned

Kenneth Bolduc, Replaced

### **At Large**

Terms Exp. Jan. 2010

James Cowan

Mark Richardson

Jason Petrino, Resigned

MHC MacLeod

## **ELECTION OFFICIALS**

Terms Exp. Jan. 2010

### **WARD 1**

#### **Moderator**

George Poulin

#### **Ward Clerk**

Henriette Guilmette

#### **Selectmen**

Marjorie Goldberg

Virginia Gorman

Elroy Hume

#### **Supervisor of Checklist**

Nancie Cameron

Term Exp. May 2011

### **WARD 2**

#### **Moderator**

Paula Carr

#### **Ward Clerk**

Donald Carr

#### **Selectmen**

David Roberge

Jennifer MacDonald

Vacant Position

#### **Supervisor of Checklist**

Janet Gagne

Term Exp. Feb. 2011

### **WARD 3**

#### **Moderator**

Sean Peschel

#### **Ward Clerk**

Shelby Stearns

#### **Selectmen**

Martin Dumont

Jeanne Ambrose

Dorothy Gauvin

#### **Supervisor of Checklist**

Antoinette Harvey

Term Exp. Feb. 2011

### **WARD 4**

#### **Moderator**

Sandra Spellman

#### **Ward Clerk**

Lucille Frechette

#### **Selectmen**

Roger Berube

Vacant Position

Vacant Position

#### **Supervisor of Checklist**

Vivian Carignan

Term Exp. Sept. 2011

### **WARD 5**

#### **Moderator**

Joanne Demers

#### **Ward Clerk**

Mary Brown

#### **Selectmen**

Marie Ange Messier

Marie Messier

Roland Patnode, Jr.

#### **Supervisor of Checklist**

Raymond LaPointe

Term Exp. Sept. 2008



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***Nancy Liebson, who served as the City Clerk for the City of Somersworth, retired in July, 2006.***



***Nancy Liebson, who served as City Clerk for the City of Somersworth from 1972 - 2006, is pictured above with the people who served as Mayor during those years. Back row (left to right): Paul Spellman 1974-1975; George Ball 1978-1983; Clyde Coolidge 1968-1971; Arthur Porelle 1976-1977; John Meserve 1985-1988; James McLin 1988-2005; Michael Watman 2006-Present.***



***Norbert Couture, who was the Mayor of Somersworth in 1972, appointed Nancy as City Clerk, a position which she held until her retirement in July, 2006.***

*(photo courtesy of Richard LaBonte)*



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# 2006 ORDINANCES

1. Ordinance No. 5-06 Amending Chapter 6, City Officials by Adding a New Section 6.7 Relative to Committees. 02/21/06.
2. Ordinance No. 6-06 Amending Chapter 4, City of Somersworth Personnel Rules and Regulations by Adding a New Section 7.4.9 Family and Medical Leave Policy. 03/06/06.
3. Ordinance No. 7-06 Amending Chapter 29 Administrative Code, Section 29.3.6 Organization of Departments, Division and Bureaus to Remove Division of Recreation from the Department of Public Works & Utilities and Place it Under Department of Development Services. 03/20/06.
4. Ordinance No. 8-06 Amending Chapter 19, Zoning, Section 7, Conservation Residential Development. 04/17/06
5. Ordinance No. 9-06 Amending Chapter 19, Zoning, Section 24, Common Driveway Subdivision. 04/17/06
6. Ordinance No. 10-06 Amending Chapter 15 Poles & Wires, by Adding a New Section 15.4 Street Lighting Request Policy. 04/17/06
7. Ordinance No. 11-06 Amending Chapter 29, Administrative Code, Section 29.5.3 Audit Committee. 05/01/06.
8. Ordinance No. 12-06 Amending Chapter 29, Administrative Code, Section 29.4.13 Parks and Recreation Advisory Board. 05/01/06.
9. Ordinance No. 13-06 Amending Chapter 29, Administrative Code, Section 29.3.6.22 City Attorney. 05/01/06
10. Ordinance No. 14-06 Amending Chapter 4, Personnel Rules and Regulations, Section 11.1 Benefits for Part-time Employees. 06/05/06.
11. Ordinance No. 15-06 Amending Chapter 4, Section 2.3 Pledge Against Discrimination. 06/05/06.
12. Ordinance No. 16-06 FY 2006-2007 Budget. 06/19/06.
13. Ordinance No. 17-06 Amending Chapter 6, City Officials, Section 6.8.3. Relative to Councilors Being Paid Fifty Dollars (\$50) Per Month for Expenses. 06/19/06.
14. Ordinance No. 18-06 Amending Chapter 4, Personnel Rules and Regulations, Compensation Schedule. 06/19/06.
15. Ordinance No. 19-06 Transfer Between Departments. 06/19/06.
16. Ordinance No. 20-06 Supplemental FY06 Appropriations for School Department. 06/19/06.
17. Ordinance No. 1-07 Amending Chapter 13, Police Offenses, Section 3.2 Intersection Controls A. Stop. 08/21/06.

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18. Ordinance No. 3-07 Chapter 19, Zoning Ordinance, (New) Section 29 Interim Growth Management Regulation. 09/05/06.
  19. Ordinance No. 2-07 Chapter 13, Police Offenses, Section 3.D. No Parking Anytime. 09/18/06.
  20. Ordinance No. 4-07 Chapter 6, City Officials, (New) Section 6-10 City Accolades. 10/16/06.
  21. Ordinance No. 5-07 Supplemental Appropriation for Firefighters and Acceptance of SAFER Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program. 11/20/06.
  22. Ordinance No. 6-07 Amend Chapter 29, Administrative Code, Section 29.4.8 Personnel Advisory Board. 11/20/06.



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# 2006 RESOLUTIONS

1. Resolution No. 16-06 Authorizing the City Manager to Amend the Current Contract With OMI for the Operation and Maintenance of the City's Wastewater Treatment Plant and Pumping Stations. 01/03/06.
2. Resolution No. 17-06 Declaring January Diversity and Tolerance Month in the City of Somersworth. 01/17/06.
3. Resolution No. 20-06 Authorizing the City Manager to Accept United States Department of Homeland Security Grant Funds and Enter Into a Contract for the Purchase of a New Fire Department Aerial Ladder Truck. 01/30/06.
4. Resolution No. 19-06 Accept Squire Drive and Winslow Drive. 02/06/06.
5. Resolution No. 18-06 Establishing a Skateboard Park Advisory Committee. 02/21/06.
6. Resolution No. 21-06 The City Council Hereby Directs the Planning Board to Conduct the Necessary Actions, Hearings, Findings of Fact and Conclusions Consistent with RSA 674:23 in Regards to a Residential Growth Moratorium and Report Back to the City Council. 03/06/06.
7. Resolution No. 22-06 Authorizing the City Manager to Amend the State Revolving Loan Fund (SRF) Agreement With the State of NH DES for the City's Water Treatment Facilities' Improvement Project, And to Authorize the City Manager to Accept Additional EPA STAG Grant Funds as May Become Available, And in Addition to Authorize the City Manager to Apply for Any Necessary Municipal Debt Borrowing Needed to Fund the City's Water Treatment Facilities' Improvement Project. 03/06/06.
8. Resolution No. 23-06 Bond for Construction of a New Police Station. 03/20/06.
9. Resolution No. 24-06 Approve Acceptance of Main Street Funds to be Used in Conjunction with Other Funds to Complete the Refurbishing of the Eagles/Moore Block at 28-30 Market Street and Approve the Adoption of the Housing and Community Development. 03/20/06.
10. Resolution No. 25-06 Approve Acceptance of USDA Funds to be Used for an Addition at the Somersworth Early Learning Center at 15 Bartlett Ave. And Approve the Adoption of the Housing and Community Development. 03/20/06.
11. Resolution No. 26-06 on City Council Rules & Regulations, Relative to the City Solicitor Attending City Council Meetings. 04/03/06.
12. Resolution No. 28-06 The Disposition of Revenues From the Land Use Change Tax - Authorizing the City Treasurer to Place all Revenues Collected Under the Land Use Change Tax into the Conservation Fund. 04/03/06.



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13. Resolution No. 30-06 Authorizing the City Manager to Sign a Contract for the Resurfacing of Certain Streets. 04/03/06.
  14. Resolution No. 31-06 Amendment to City Council Rules and Regulations, Section 5, Relative to the City Solicitor Being Available to Attend all Regular and Special Meetings if Requested. 05/01/06.
  15. Resolution No. 27-06 Dissolving the Gate Receipts/Activities Fund Advisory Committee. 05/15/06.
  16. Resolution No. 32-06 Authorizing the City Manager to Sign a Contract for Water Treatment Facility Upgrades and Improvements. 05/15/06.
  17. Resolution No. 33-06 Authorizing the City Manager to Sign a Contract for Architect, Engineering and Other Related Services for Building Design, Site Design and Construction for a New Police Station. 06/05/06.
  18. Resolution No. 34-06 Authorizing and Ratifying the Acceptance of Certain Trust Funds. 06/19/06.
  19. Resolution No. 35-06 Authorizing the City Manager to Sign a Contract for a Screening Level Risk Assessment of the Somersworth Superfund Sanitary Landfill Site. 07/17/06.
  20. Resolution No. 36-06 Authorizing the City Manager to Sign a Five-Year Lease Agreement with New Cingular Wireless PCS LLC. 07/17/06.
  21. Resolution No. 1-07 Authorizing the City Manager to Amend the Resurfacing Contract to Include a Section of High Street from Blackwater Road to Bartlett Avenue. 07/17/06.
  22. Resolution No. 2-07 Authorizing the City Manager to Amend the Lease with the Summersworth Historical Society for the Former City Hall. 10/02/06.
  23. Resolution No. 3-07 Naming Canal Street and Rookery Road. 11/20/06.
  24. Resolution No. 4-07 Authorizing the City Manager to Enter Into a Grant Agreement with the State of New Hampshire Division of Historical Resources for a Certified Local Government (CLG) Grant to Perform an Update to the Historical Survey Forms and Provide Education and Training for the Somersworth Historic District Commission and the Community. 11/20/06.
  25. Resolution No. 5-07 Support of E-911/Street Name Committee. 12/11/06.

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# COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

## **Planning Board**

The Planning Board reviews Site Plans and Subdivision Applications and consists of 9 members. In the last year, the Board has reviewed 12 Site Plans and 13 Subdivision Applications.

Martin P. Dumont Sr., Chairman	Ron LeHoullier
William Sweeney, Vice Chair	Paul Robidas
Roger Gagne, City Council Rep	Francis Vincent
Brian Tapscott, Council Alternate	Kenneth Maple
Robert Belmore, City Manager	Erwin Grant
Don Messier, Fire Chief,	David Witham, Alternate
City Manage Designee	

## **Historic District Commission**

The Historic District Commission reviews projects that fall under the Historic Overlay District and consists of 7 members. In the last year, the Commission reviewed 26 items.

Herbert Geiler, Jr., Chairman	Albert Marotta
Todd Marsh, City Council Rep	Arthur Hendrickson
Charles Kinney	Daniel Bisson, Alternate
George Poulin	Beth Poulin, Alternate
Kerry Hammond	John Jackman, Alternate

## **Conservation Commission**

The Conservation Commission reviews Conditional Use Permit Applications and State Wetland Permit Applications and consists of 3-7 members. In the last year, the Commission reviewed 9 items.

Frank Richardson, Chairman	Dale Smith-Kenyon
Imants Millers, Vice Chair	Peter Eldredge
Alan Bryant	Daniel Hartigan
Scott Gessis	

## **Zoning Board of Adjustment**

The Zoning Board of Adjustment reviews applications requesting Variances, Appeals to Administrative Decisions, Special Exceptions and Equitable Waivers of Dimensional Requirements. The Board consists of 5 members and reviewed 20 applications.

Ron LeHoullier, Chairman	Roland Dumont
Stacy Hall, Vice Chair	Ken Vincent, Alternate
Harry Irwin	Bo Beaudet, Alternate
Steven Stout	Frank Menez, Alternate



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### **Site Review Technical Committee**

The Site Review Technical Committee reviews Site Plans prior to Planning Board review

David Sharples, City Planner, Chairman  
Dean Crombie, Police Chief  
Don Messier, Fire Chief  
Dave Foster, Engineer  
Tim Metivier, Building Inspector  
Martin P. Dumont Jr., Planning Board Chairman  
Imants Millers, Conservation Commission Rep

### **Strafford Regional Planning Commission Representatives**

Roger Berube  
Francis Vincent

### **Major Initiatives**

The City Council adopted an Interim Growth Management Ordinance (IGMO) restricting residential subdivisions due to the recent unprecedented residential growth in the City. In response, the planning department began a comprehensive audit of all the City's land use regulations. The Planning Board and Zoning Board of Adjustment held monthly workshops to examine the current land use regulations and propose changes to advance the goals of the IGMO. The Planning Board has considered changes to the City's density and dimensional requirements and has taken a comprehensive approach to examining the land use in Somersworth to create regulations that advance the purpose of the City's Master Plan. In an effort to involve the public in the decision making process, the Planning Board has adopted a policy to personally notify land owners of certain proposals that may be applicable to their property to encourage their input at public hearings. This work will continue into 2007 until the audit is completed.

The Historic District Commission conducted a regional training session to educate members of Historic District commissions and Heritage Commissions. The training session was funded by a Certified Local government grant awarded to the City by the New Hampshire Department of Cultural Resources.

The Conservation Commission has partnered with the Strafford Regional planning Commission to develop a buffer ordinance for the City. The partnership is being funded by a grant awarded to the SRPC. The work will continue into 2007 and is expected to be complete by the end of the summer.

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## **Community Development**

The following is a list of major development that was approved within the City in the last year:

**Gerrish Commons**, West High Street, 35-lot residential subdivision with 1 open space lot.

**Emerald City Luxury Apartments**, Main Street, convert second floor self-storage to 11 home/office apartments.

**David & Wanda Saunders**, High Street, 11-lot residential conservation subdivision.

**Gator Rock, LLC**, Route 108, move existing structure onto full foundation.

**Town Fair Tire**, Handle Road, commercial tire center.

**Sunningdale Golf Club Inc.**, Green Street and Stackpole Road, 66 single-family condominium units.

**Sedgewick Commercial Lots**, Route 108, 3 lot commercial subdivision.

**Marco Back Nine**, Lilac Lane, 2 commercial lots and 1 industrial lot subdivision.

**The South Mill**, off Main and Market Street, convert 3 floors of vacant mill building space to 50 apartment units.

**Estate of James Radlow**, Maple, Page and Winter Streets, 6 lot residential subdivision.

**Hilltop Fireworks**, Route 108, retail fireworks building with other office space.

**High Street Retail Center**, High Street, commercial building with associated site improvements.

**David & Dianne Ness**, Route 108, building addition with associated parking.



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# CODE OFFICE

Below are a number of statistics for the 2006 activity within the Code Office.

## Permits Issued for the Year 2006:

- Permits were issued this year.
  - 322 Building Permits were issued.
    - 14 Major Commercial Building Permits.
    - 27 Minor Commercial Building Permits.
    - 2 Major Mixed Use Building Permits.
    - 2 Minor Mixed Use Building Permits.
    - 58 Major Residential Building Permits.
    - 219 Minor Residential Building Permits.
  - 222 Electrical Permits.
    - 44 Commercial
    - 1 Mixed Use
    - 177 Residential
  - 85 Plumbing Permits
    - 10 Commercial
    - 1 Mixed Use
    - 1 Recreational Use
    - 73 Residential
  - 62 Mechanical Permits.
    - 8 Commercial
    - 54 Residential
  - 0 Septic Repair Permits.
  - 11 Demolition Permits.
    - 3 Commercial
    - 8 Residential

## Estimated Total Cost of Building Construction for the year 2006 is:

- Total Building Construction . . . . . \$23,822,239.87
- Residential Building Construction . . . . . \$8,587,989.87
- Mixed Use Construction. . . . . \$285,000.00
- Commercial / Business Building Construction . . \$14,949,250.00

(Actual cost of construction may vary-amounts are based on information gathered from building permit applications and do not include the cost of Mechanical, Plumbing, or Electrical)

(Re-Issued Permits are not included in this calculation)

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Permit fees collected for the year 2006:

- Total Permit Fees collected . . . . . \$120,464.00
- Residential Permit Fees collected . . . . . \$42,466.92
- Mixed Use Permit Fees collected . . . . . \$1,425.00
- Commercial / Business Permit Fees collected. . . . . \$76,572.50

(Totals reflect the permit fee amount at the time the permit was issued - not at the time of submission)

(Re-Issued Permits and permits for City Properties are not included in this calculation)

A comparison of the total new living units for the year 2005 to 2006 reflects a small decrease in total living units. In 2005 there were a total of 65 new living units, while in 2006 there have been 61 new living units.

Commercial Construction: A total of 14 major building permits have been issued for Commercial or Business projects this year. The following are some of the new units: Target, Holmwoods, and a medical building located off Rt. 108. There have also been some major additions as well to existing businesses within the city, such as to the Works Athletic Club's expansion.

(Permits Issued for all New Residential Units 1990 to 2006)

1990 - 16 Single Family Dwellings 1 Two Unit Dwelling (Duplex)	2002- 24 Single Family Dwellings 1 Twelve Unit Renovation 1 Four Unit Renovation
1991 - 14 Single Family Dwellings	2003- 16 Single Family Dwellings 1 37 Unit Elderly Facility
1992 - 8 Single Family Dwellings	2004- 49 Single Family Dwellings 2 Duplexes (4 living units)
1993 - 13 Single Family Dwellings	2005- 64 Single Family Dwellings 1 unit converted from Comm. Spc.
1994 - 17 Single Family Dwellings	2006- 40 Single Family Dwellings 2 Duplexes (4 living units) 12 Unit Multi Unit Bldg (Foundry) 5 units by Conversion of existing
1995 - 4 Single Family Dwellings	
1996 - 11 Single Family Dwellings	
1997 - 12 Single Family Dwellings	
1998 - 18 Single Family Dwellings	
1999 - 20 Single Family Dwellings 1 Two Unit Dwelling (Duplex) 46 Unit Development	
2000 - 30 Single Family Dwellings 2 Two Unit Dwellings (Duplex)	
2001 - 22 Single Family Dwellings 16 Unit Renovation of a School 1 Unit added to a Multi Use Bldg	

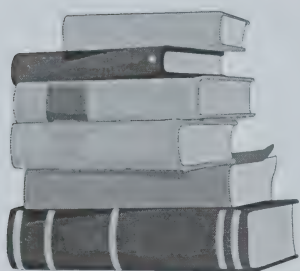


# City of Somersworth 2006 Growth Figures

Category	2005		2006		\$ increase	% Increase
Current Use	\$	141,594	\$	131,408	\$	(10,186)
Conservation Easement	\$	11,792	\$	11,792		
Discretionary Easement-barn						
Residential Land	\$	198,440,095	\$	200,160,865	\$	1,720,770
Comm/Ind Land	\$	72,752,205	\$	75,152,235	\$	2,400,030
Exempt Land	\$	18,424,900	\$	18,523,700	\$	98,800
Residential Buildings	\$	409,935,725	\$	425,668,865	\$	15,733,140
Mobile Homes	\$	19,703,700	\$	20,111,400	\$	407,700
Comm/Ind Buildings	\$	120,965,055	\$	122,292,315	\$	1,327,260
Discretionary Easement-barn						
Exempt Buildings	\$	50,033,000	\$	51,296,600	\$	1,263,600
Utilities	\$	9,373,400	\$	9,373,400	\$	-
Utilities-B	\$	-	\$	-		
Total Exempt	\$	68,457,900	\$	69,820,300		
Total Gross Value	\$	899,781,466	\$	922,722,580		
Total Taxable Value	\$	831,323,566	\$	852,902,280		
Exemptions-off Assessed Valuation						
Parapet/Vet	\$	192,200	\$	192,200	\$	-
Improvements for Disability						
Blind	\$	300,000	\$	325,000	\$	25,000
Elderly	\$	1,558,400	\$	1,499,900	\$	(58,500)
Disabled						
Water/Pollution Control	\$	122,500	\$	-	\$	(122,500)
Wood Energy Heat System						
Wind/Solar Systems						
Total Exemptions	\$	2,173,100	\$	2,017,100		
Total Net Taxable Value	\$	829,150,466	\$	850,885,180		
Credits- Loss in Tax Dollars						
Vet Credit	\$	152,100	\$	179,550	\$	27,450
Disabled Vet	\$	23,800	\$	23,800	\$	-
Overall Net Growth for 2006	\$	21,734,714		2,621%		

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# PUBLIC LIBRARY



The best single achievement for 2006 has been the continued success of The Friends of the Somersworth Public Library. The group became formally organized, with the incorporation of the organization with both the city and the state, the election of officers, and initiating several fund raising activities. The Friends reorganized the library book sales with a new spring book sale and the annual fall book sale, increasing the proceeds by 200%. Through a generous donation of start-up funds from a member, the Friends now sell high-quality, zippered book bags. And, plans for 2007 include a Romance Book Sale, both the spring and fall book sales, the book bags, and several other activities. The current goal is to replace some of the Library's aging furniture. The Friends welcomes new members at any time and currently do not charge any dues.



*Stacey Camire is honored for her graphic work on the Friends of the Somersworth Public Library tote bag with the presentation of a certificate of appreciation and one of the bags. Left to right: Sherrie Fillebrown, Co-President of the Friends, Stacey Camire, Debora Longo, Library Director and Trudy Grant, Library Trustee.*



The Library joined the NH Downloadable Audiobook Consortium in 2006 with a proposed launch date in February 2007. The Consortium has over 1,100 audiobooks that may be downloaded directly onto personal computers at home or work with a Somersworth Public Library card. The audiobook may be listened to on the computer or the file transferred to either a disc or a personal listening device depending on the copyright license. The Library was awarded a \$600 Gates Technical Support grant to provide the funds for patron authentication for the New Hampshire Downloadable Audiobook Consortium, and a timely \$500 unrestricted donation in December paid for half of the first year's content fee.

For 2005-2006, our loan of library books and other items increased 13.75% from last year. One factor was an increase in the budget lines for spending on new books, and other library materials such as audiobooks and films, increasing the new offerings for the citizens of the city. Another factor that often contributes to increased use of a public library is lean economic times. Without the usual disposable income to spend on books, magazines, and movie rentals, citizens turn to the library to provide these items to enrich their lives. The resources the library provides become even more important to the community. The statistics chart shows exactly how we did this, and the other usual library functions during the 59.5 hours we are open each week.

#### Statistics for 2005-2006

2005-2006 Monthly Statistics	Number of Books, etc. Loaned	Interlibrary Loans	Computer Use	New Books, etc. Added	New Library Cards	Overdue Contacts
July	5737	199	523	170	33	95
August	5834	284	644	356	54	161
September	4736	199	569	316	55	179
October	4726	267	584	300	57	247
November	4774	167	546	224	35	178
December	3883	168	466	162	50	159
January	4861	207	567	162	42	209
February	4880	221	587	209	40	148
March	5202	281	639	286	40	175
April	4512	193	552	195	38	189
May	5344	223	575	125	60	207
June	5377	218	565	241	39	198
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>59866</b>	<b>2627</b>	<b>6817</b>	<b>2746</b>	<b>536</b>	<b>2145</b>

The summer reading program, 'Treasure Reading', was a great success with a 6% increase in the circulation of children's books and better attendance at all the programs, especially the afternoon and evening story times. The library received a \$3,000 grant from Target in October for support of the upcoming Summer Reading Programs. The funds will allow us, for the next three years, to provide not only the usual end-of-program entertainment, but also an artist's workshop as part of the 8-week activities offered to encourage children to keep reading over the summer school vacation. Watch for the 'Reading USA' program in 2007.

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There are six regular volunteers who work an average of eighteen hours each week. The work they do includes shelving books, preparing books for circulation, clerical work, maintaining our records in the New Hampshire Union Public Access Catalog ([www.nhupac.library.state.nh.us](http://www.nhupac.library.state.nh.us)) and maintaining the card catalog. We also provide community service opportunities for both adults and teenagers, and over 100 hours were donated this year. Books, movies and audiobooks are donated to the Library on a regular basis and provide the backbone of the two book sales. However, often these items are added to the regular collection to enhance its value to the community. This year 396 donated items with an estimated value of \$12,257 were added to the Library's collection. Please consider donating your time or your used books to support the library.

### **MISSION**

*The Somersworth Public Library will provide the citizens of the City of Somersworth access to the materials and services necessary for their informational, cultural, educational and recreational needs. The library will actively encourage every citizen to read and appreciate learning. It will also preserve the materials needed to provide future generations with a record of the history and heritage of the City. - Adopted June 3, 2003*

#### **BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Thomas Tetreault, Chairperson  
Trudy Grant  
Tammy Heon  
Arlene Labrie  
Jerome Lemelin

#### **STAFF**

Debora Longo, Library Director  
Kathleen Dill, Library Assistant  
Nancy Polito, Children's Librarian  
Eliza Warfield, Desk Assistant  
Linda Wheeler, Desk Assistant  
Shawne Freeman, Desk Assistant  
Lorraine Evans, Page  
Stacey Wyman, Summer page





*The library had three staff members leave in 2006; this is the largest get-together of past and present librarians with other staff and volunteers. Front Row: Debora Longo, Library Director; Shawne Freeman, new Front Desk Assistant; Trudy Grant, Trustee and former Front Desk Assistant and Page; Linda Wheeler, Front Desk Assistant and former Page; Laura Melisi, departing Front Desk Assistant and former Page; Berta Minnick, volunteer and Wendy Metivier, Cleaning Services. Back Row: Eliza Warfield, Senior Front Desk Assistant, and former Page; Kathleen Dill, Library Assistant and former Page; Zuzana Kaiserova, departing Page; Stacey Wyman, Summer Page; Nancy Polito, Children's Librarian and former Library Assistant; and Iris Horne, retiring SCSEP worker. The combined library experience represented by this dedicated group is 125 years!*

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# HUMAN SERVICES



The Somersworth Human Services Department was busy in 2006 with residents continuing to seek emergency assistance to prevent homelessness as a result of eviction or foreclosure, as well as for food, utility shut-off notices and prescription expenses. The increasing housing costs in the area have been a

burden on many residents and it has been important to assist people in maintaining their current housing or seeking alternative affordable housing. On some occasions, referrals to local shelter facilities are necessary until more permanent housing situations can be found for residents. Services are provided on an appointment basis.

In 2006, the City assisted over 1,000 individuals and families and 118 new cases were opened. Over 304 families and individuals were assisted financially. Welfare vouchers totaled \$93,616.80 with 77% of this money assisting individuals and families facing evictions, foreclosures or homelessness. The remaining people served either called or stopped by the Human Services Office and were assisted with information, referral and support to access other services such as the Strafford Community Action Program, the Community Food Pantry, and the Medication Bridge Program.

Over \$16,000.00 was reimbursed to the City in 2006 for funds expended to residents for their basic needs. These funds were reimbursed through various sources, such as Social Security, Medicaid, Welfare Liens, and by the residents themselves. Somersworth residents are extremely grateful for the services made available to them during their time of need. Those that are able, repay the City in the form of money when they are once again working and in fact, 16 residents did so this year reimbursing the City a total of \$2,037.21. Others repay the City by working for the City for a short time in the City's Workfare Program until they can find paid employment. The Human Services Department would like to thank the residents who repay the City for the assistance they receive. Their doing so helps us provide the same assistance to others in need, without continuing to increase the tax burden.

Special appreciation goes out to the following community organizations; the VFW Men's Auxiliary Club who continues to provide assistance to Somersworth residents during the Holidays, and to the Somersworth/Berwick Rotary Club who at times generously donate diapers to the Welfare Office for distribution to our families in need. "Toys for Tots" was another success this year thanks to the efforts of the Somersworth Fire Department and their wonderful employees.

And finally, "Thank You" to the many service agencies and organizations in Strafford County serving our residents. The Community Food Pantry at the First Parish Church on West High Street serves residents of Somersworth,



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Rollinsford and Berwick, ME with both food and household necessities. Shelters such as the Strafford County Emergency Shelter and "My Friends Place" have all been critical in providing housing for our residents during periods of homelessness. The Strafford County Community Action Committee continues to be the agency where low-income residents can apply for Fuel and Electric Assistance. This community is extremely fortunate to have a Housing Authority and the staff at the Somersworth Housing Authority provides excellent and professional services to individuals and families in need.

Thank you to all the taxpayers for your contribution towards preventing homelessness and hunger in your City. As always, we encourage residents to help their community by donating cash, food or household and personal items and/or volunteering their time to the Community Food Pantry or the local shelters who are always in need of volunteers and donations.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn A. Cocklin, M.S.W. Welfare Officer



# FIRE DEPARTMENT

To the citizens of Somersworth,

2006 has again been a very busy year for the Fire Department. We have had a number of personnel changes, and purchased a new Ladder truck with the assistance of Homeland Security (FEMA) Fire Act Grant. All of this and more was accomplished along with an increase of 17% in our call volume over the prior year.

## PERSONNEL



Fire Fighter Michael Clough was promoted to Lieutenant of D-Group on March 6 after serving in the position as Acting Lieutenant with the retirement of Captain Martin Pepin in December of 2005.

Call Fire Fighter James Drakopoulos was promoted to the position of full-time Fire Fighter in March as a result of Lt. Clough's promotion and assigned to B-Group.



Timothy Wilder was hired in May as a result of the City Council's commitment to increase our staffing levels over the next four years and assigned to D-Group.

In December the following Fire Fighters were hired as a result of a grant awarded to the City through the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) 2006 Safer for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) Grant Program.

Call Fire Fighter Jamie Fournier was promoted to the position of full-time Fire Fighter and assigned to A-Group,



Gerald McKay, a Fire Fighter with the Milton NH Fire Department, was hired and assigned to B-Group.

John Shaffer, a Fire Fighter from the Pease Fire Department, was hired and assigned to C-group.





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## TRAINING

Training has been an increasing component of our day-to-day activities as we have logged many hours familiarizing ourselves with the new ladder truck, as well as maintaining our basic and advanced fire fighting and emergency medical skills throughout the year.

## VEHICLES



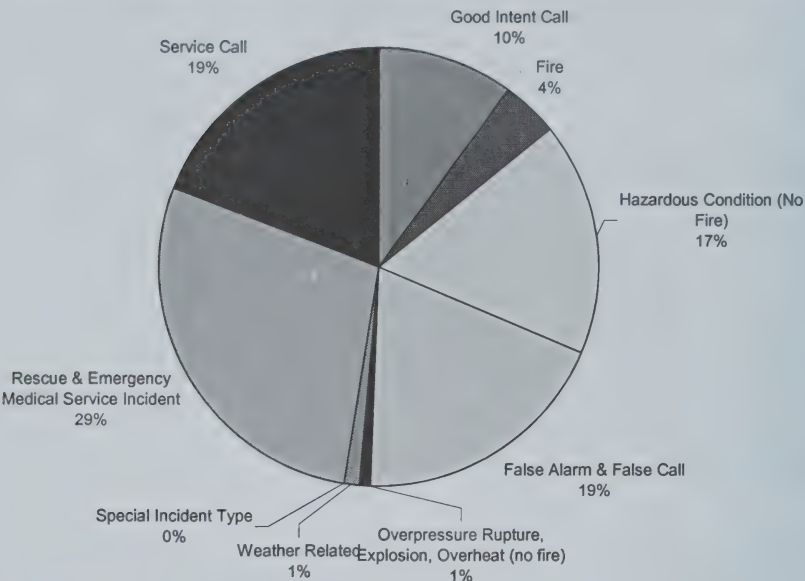
On August 23rd the department received delivery of a new \$617,500 105' Smeal aerial truck. This vehicle was a result of a grant the City received through the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Assistance to Fire Fighters Grants (AFG) Program. This state of the art truck meets all current National Fire

Protection Association (NFPA) safety requirements, such as an enclosed six person cab to keep all Fire Fighters out of the elements and provide a safer response to emergencies; it also supports a 2000 gallon per minute pump which supplies a piped waterway to the tip of the aerial. The aerial itself will support a 1000 tip load allowing for greater Fire Fighter safety during critical life safety rescues and operations.

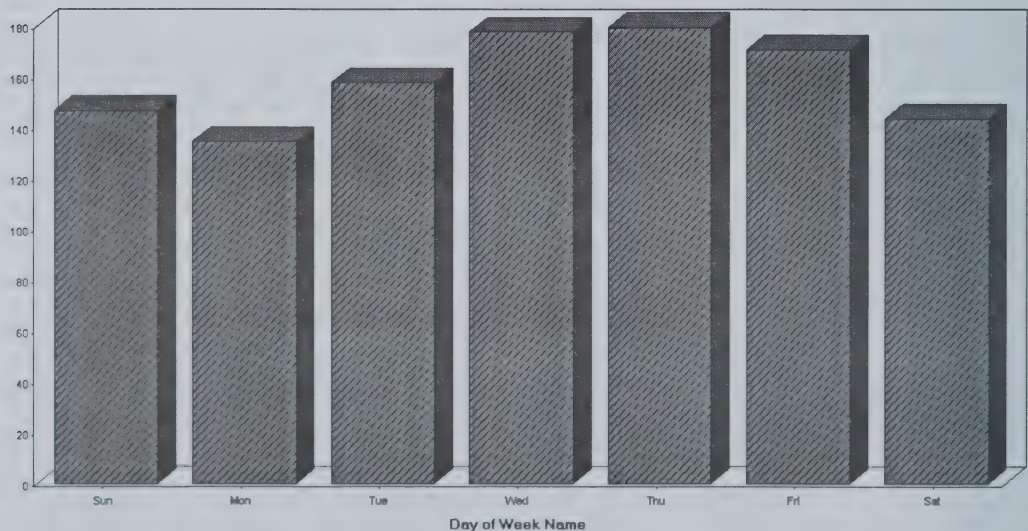
In closing, I would like to say that it is my pleasure and honor to serve this fine community. As I lead this department it is my goal to ensure that the citizens of Somersworth and those who work and travel through it receive the best emergency service which can be provided. It is also my commitment to continue to provide those non-emergency services like inspections and prevention programs to make and keep this community safe from man-made and natural disasters.

Sincerely,  
Donald R. Messier, Chief of Department

**Alarm Data Between (01/01/2006) and (12/31/2006)**



**Incident Responses by Day of Week**  
Alarm Data Between 01/01/2006 and 12/31/2006





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## MUTUAL AID

	GIVEN	RECEIVED
Barrington	0	0
Berwick	5	2
Dover	4	1
Durham	1	0
Eliot	0	0
Lebanon	1	0
Newington	0	0
Pease	0	1
Portsmouth	0	0
North Berwick	1	0
Rochester	10	0
Rollinsford	3	0
South Berwick	2	0

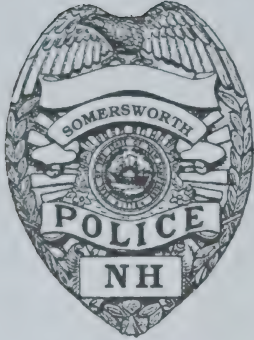
## APPARATUS USAGE      NUMBER OF RESPONSES

Engine 1	788
Engine 2	235
Engine 3	15
Ladder 1	38
Forestry 1	72
Air Van	21
Car 1	29

FIRE SAFETY INSPECTIONS	2005	2006
Annual Inspections completed	790	703
Violations Issued	116	124

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# POLICE DEPARTMENT



The Somersworth Police Department answered or initiated 19,391 calls for service during the calendar year of 2006.

Sgt. David Pratt, a 26-year member of the Police Department, continues to work in his assignment as our City's Housing Officer. Sgt. Pratt provides police services to a variety of dwellings monitored by the Somersworth Housing Authority. The Somersworth Safe Haven/Police Mini-Station is located at the Albert J. Nadeau Homes. Sgt. Pratt's daily assignments include investigation of criminal matters at those sites.

He also provides supervision and direct involvement with the homework lab, bicycle rodeos, field trips and other community policing activities. Sgt. Pratt's assignment allows him to interact with a diverse age group of residents at the housing authority facilities.

The Department was able to provide a variety of special and specific law enforcement efforts. This included an assortment of enforcement initiatives. The New Hampshire Highway Safety Agency allowed us to increase motor vehicle enforcement by providing grant funds. This enforcement included DWI, speeding and other motor vehicle related violations.

We continue our association with the Dover Police Department in our joint enforcement of alcohol related violations. This is a granted program through the Attorney General's Office. This includes underage consumption, sales and other alcohol related violations. This past year we made business compliant checks. The program is designed to provide enforcement of alcohol laws, as well as education to the community. During 2006 a joint law enforcement effort was used several times during the year. This allowed members of the Dover and Somersworth Police Departments and the State Liquor Inspectors to work together in teams. The people volunteering to aid us in our enforcement efforts came from both McIntosh College and The University of New Hampshire.

We assisted and participated in a federal funded Felony Locator Program. This allowed Somersworth police members to team with local officers and federal agents while pursuing wanted felons in the seacoast and extended area. This past year the Strafford County Sheriff's Department took a lead roll in this enforcement project.

Officer Jason Feliciano became our newest School Resource Officer. He will work primarily with High School age students and faculty. Officer Feliciano will assist with enforcement issues at the High School. He will also be available to provide direction and a guiding hand when appropriate. Our Strafford County Accident Investigation Team continues to assist in the investigation and documentation of serious personal injury accidents. Sgt. Matt Duval has been assigned to that team. The team provides a specialized



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group of local Officers trained in accident investigations. Sgt. Duval received specialized training at the Police Academy. He continues to receive training through the team. This Strafford County Team was utilized in Somersworth during the past year.

Two 2007 Chevrolet Impalas were added to the cruiser fleet, replacing two Ford Crown Victorias. In addition, all of our cruiser units continue to operate the Car 54 System. This Car 54 System allows voice directed commands to activate cruiser functions. The Car 54 System was designed at the University of New Hampshire as a tool to aid law enforcement. The Car 54 System includes a light bar, laptop computer and a custom radar unit.

Other cruiser equipment includes a molded fiberglass back seat. These seats provide both comfort and security. The Impalas are equipped with front wheel drive which has greatly helped Officers patrolling during the winter months. We have realized a fuel savings with these Impalas.

The Car 54 laptops were modified with telecommunication cards. This allows Officers to generate and transfer reports from their assigned cruisers to the Police Department computer main frame. Additionally, each cruiser is connected to the states "SPOTS" information network.

During 2006 we received notice that new construction on a 13,000 square foot Police Station would begin early in 2007. Gary Goudreau of Chichester, NH was selected as our architect. Many spirited meetings were held, leading us to our final design. BayButt Construction of Keene New Hampshire will build this new facility. Both BayButt and Gary Goudreau bring a familiarity and knowledge of this type of construction, each having been involved with building public safety facilities in their past.

Somersworth Crime tips are still received at 692-9111 or e-mail at [crimeline@somersworth.com](mailto:crimeline@somersworth.com). Anyone wishing to provide anonymous tips should contact SPD through either source. All leads are held in the strictest of confidence.

### **2006 City Totals Case Activity Statistics**

Calls for Service	19,391
Total Offenses Committed:	3,100
Total Felonies	308
Total Crime Related Incidents:	1,334
Total Non-Crime Related Incidents:	1,742
Total Arrests (On View):	760
Total Arrests (Based on Incident/Warrants):	475
Total Summons Arrests:	276
Total Arrests:	1,511
Total P/C's:	182
Total Juvenile Arrests:	134
Total Juveniles Handled (Arrest):	98

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Total Juveniles referred (Arrest)	32
Total Summons	0
Total Open Warrants:	28
Total Open Default Warrants:	0
Total Restraint Orders:	82
Stolen Property-Value	\$225,550
Stolen Property Recovered Value	\$186,583

	Occurrence( s)	Percentage
Restraint Orders Involving Alcohol	0	0.0
Restraint Orders Involving Drugs	0	0.0
Restraint Orders Involving Illness	0	0.0
Restraint Orders Involving Children	0	0.0
Crime Incidents Involving Domestic Violence	52	3.9
Crime Incidents Involving Gang Activity	0	0.0
Crime Incidents Involving Alcohol	33	2.5
Crime Incidents Involving Drugs	8	0.6
Crime Incidents Involving Computers	0	0.0
Crime Incidents Involving Alcohol & Drugs	4	0.3
Arrests Involving Domestic Violence	135	8.9
Arrests Involving Gang Activity	0	0.0
Arrests Involving Alcohol	266	17.6
Arrests Involving Drugs	35	2.3
Arrests Involving Computers	0	0.0
Arrests Involving Alcohol & Drugs	0	0.0
Arrests Involving Gang Activity	0	0.0

Total Motor Vehicle Accidents	432
Total Motor Vehicle Violations-Civil	15
Total Motor Vehicle Violations-Warnings	3,743
Total Motor Vehicle Violation-Arrests	1,329
Total Parking Tickets	975



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# PUBLIC WORKS and UTILITIES

The Public Works and Utilities Department is diversified and includes Public Works, Engineering, Water, Wastewater, Cemeteries, Solid Waste and Grounds. All Public Works divisions have to have flexibility and ingenuity because of the constant changes in demands from the City and of budgetary constraints.

The VUEWORKS program has been expanded and many City assets are recorded in the program. We have valuable information that is readily available to our departments in their daily work schedules. The mapping has been invaluable to Water, Engineering and Public Works projects.

The City Wastewater Treatment Plant completed the 2006 year with a 60% improvement in effluent quality over 2005. This results in a much cleaner discharge to the Salmon Falls River.

Despite the challenge of the May and June floods, 97% of all permit parameters were met for 2006. This achievement can be directly related to the recent upgrades made to the Wastewater Treatment Facility.

The City Water Treatment Facility upgrade is in progress and is on schedule. This upgrade will enable the City to improve its drinking water quality.

Public Works is constantly working on deficiencies and evaluating more effective solutions in prioritizing and carrying out projects. With budget constraints and limited manpower, Public Works is providing necessary services in a courteous and respectful way. Public Works maintains the sewer system, storm drains, sidewalks, streets, grounds keeping, solid waste and Forest Glade and Horne Cemeteries.

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# RECREATION



The Somersworth Recreation Department offers a diversity of programs, activities, trips and events for all ages to meet the ever-changing needs of its community. The Recreation Department supports the wholesome and healthful use of recreational, leisure and cultural activities that encourage health, fitness, relaxation and enjoyment.

Highlights of "Spring" included our Annual Egg Hunt Extravaganza held in April at Millennium Park. Hundreds of children accompanied by their parents enjoyed hunting and gathering over 3000 colorful Easter Eggs and playing with the Easter Bunny. Our Annual Hershev Track and Field Team for boys and girls ages 9-14 introduced team

participants to physical fitness and healthy lifestyles through Track and Field events. Somersworth athletes practiced hard and competed in the Regional meet in Rochester on June 29th; 4 of our competitors qualified for the State meet on July 7th, held at UNH. Other children's programs for the spring included: Kiddie Kickers Soccer for children 3-5, and Kids On The Move an after school program for children in grades 1-5. Adult Activities included Bingo, 55 Alive Driving Course, Senior Exercise, Senior Walking Club and Drop in Basketball. Adults and families enjoyed many of the Spring trips offered such as Amesbury Dinner Playhouse, Foxwoods, and the Christmas Tree Shop.

The warm weather introduced summer activities that bring the community outside to play. Exciting summer activities, trips and events are offered for all to enjoy. Kidz Daycamp for children grades 1-5 was held at the Noble Pines Playground, Monday through Friday from 8:30-4:00pm with before and after camp care available. The children took in 8 weeks of field trips, entertainment, theme weeks, arts & crafts, story times, sports, special events and if that's not enough, "Hearts in Parks" a national nutrition, fitness and wellness program. The campers exercised in "Walk New Hampshire" a walking program that charted their progress on a map of New Hampshire. TRENDS, Teens Reaching Exciting New Dimensions, speaks for itself; an 8 week teen program held at Millennium Park, Monday through Friday 8:30-4:00pm. The teens enjoyed a variety of community service and educational projects, adventure based field trips and special events. The highlights of the summer for the teens was planning and creating a special event for the Seacoast Big Brother Big Sister program and partaking in the thrill of a lifetime "whitewater rafting" down the Kennebeck. The teens were also involved in "WalkNH" program. The Hearts N' Parks program was introduced into our summer camp programs 4 years ago, a national community based program through the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute and the National Recreation & Parks Association to bring heart healthy behavior, nutrition and fitness to youth of all ages. The program has been and continues to be a "gift of wellness" we offer to the Kids in our Camp Programs. Summer activities kept adults entertained and busy with Bingo, Senior Exercise, Senior Walking Club, 55 Alive Driving Course and Drop in Basketball.



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Adult and Family Trips included Red Sox, Foxwoods, Ogunquit Art Museum & Stonewall Kitchen Tour. Mt. Washington Cruise. The summer ended with our annual Senior Picnic held at Millennium Park. Seniors gathered and enjoyed great company, food, music and finished the picnic with dessert and raffles. This year the Fire Department joined the Recreation Department and the Somersworth Housing Authority with their gourmet grilling skills for the event.

"*Fall*" and "*Winter*" offered a variety of recreational and leisure programs and activities for all ages. The Fall Youth Soccer Program for children 5-12 yrs. old was held every Saturday for 8 weeks. Over 320 players making up 26 teams gathered for scheduled games along with over 60 volunteer parents and coaches assisting the head coach. The Kiddie Kickers Saturday soccer program for children ages 3-4 years had over 50 little ones participate in drills and stations of creative soccer fundamentals and fun. Many parent volunteers assisted our head coach at this level as well. The Soccer season wrapped up with our Annual Soccer Reception. Over 1000 players, family and friends attended for awards, cake, ice cream and refreshments; with an entertaining CD presentation, which featured all of our teams and highlights of the season. Saturday Morning Basketball for children in grades 1-6 consisted of skills and drills to teach basketball fundamentals and then it was games, games and more games. Our head coaches had both the girls and boy's high school team players volunteer their time making for a fun and successful program. The Somersworth Travel Basketball Teams for boys and girls in the 4th through 6th grade made their way through a fun and competitive season. Both the girls and boys teams entered many tournaments in the seacoast area and then wrapped up the season with our very own Annual Frosty Tournament, which hosted 16 teams and ran for 4 days in February. Children's Activities for Fall and Winter also included: Kids On The Move. Adult activities included: Bingo, 55 Alive, Senior Exercise, and Men's Drop In Basketball. Adult and Family trips included Christmas in The Country at the Steele Hill Resort, Christmas Tree Shop, Foxwoods, Amesbury Playhouse and Andre Reiu in concert in Durham.

The Special Event of the season was the 1st Annual Holiday Festival held on Saturday, December 1st-3rd. This community wide event held something for everyone with a Tree Lighting Ceremony and singing, Gingerbread House Contest, House Decorating Contest, visit from Santa and a Holiday Senior Brunch put on by the Somersworth High School's Student Council and Interact group complete with holiday carols sung by the Girl Scouts and Bingo!

New to our Noble Pines Park is a new Recreation facility, which houses an office, kitchen/concession, boy's bathroom, girl's bathroom and plenty of storage.

The Benefits of recreation are endless. We encourage all individuals and families in our community to participate in the many recreational opportunities offered through activities, programs, special events and trips. If you have any questions, ideas, suggestions or comments please share them with us.

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# SAU 56 SUPERINTENDENT

The SAU 56 administrative team has just completed its first year at the helm of the Somersworth and Rollinsford School districts. We would like to welcome two new administrators to the Somersworth School District, Jerry Gregoire, principal of Hilltop School and Dr. Bette Chamberlain, Director of the Career and Technical Center.

We are pleased to report that we continue to support our vision which is "to insure that all students are engaged in quality work achieving high standards."

To achieve this goal we continuously strive to improve our curriculum, instruction and assessment. This past year we have aligned our Science curriculum with the New Hampshire Frameworks, grade level and grade span expectations and are currently beginning the process of reviewing social studies and mathematics. As we follow each of our students we use a variety of assessments to determine individual student growth beyond the NECAP (New England Compact and Assessment Program). The data from these assessments helps to drive our instruction.

Our commitment to PBIS (Positive Behavior Intervention Schools) continues to grow as this fall Somersworth High School has become a PBIS School. PBIS promotes positive behavior in all students while also providing targeted and intensive behavior for students with emotional and behavioral challenges. Our elementary schools have three school wide behavioral expectations, **Be Safe, Be Respectful, and Be Responsible**, Somersworth Middle School includes the elementary expectations as well as **Be Cooperative** and Somersworth High School includes the elementary and middle school expectations adding **Be Successful**. The goal of PBIS is to increase instructional time by improving positive student behavior.

To improve the success rates of our students and decrease the drop out rate, we are pleased to report that we are part of the APEX II (Achievement for Drop out Prevention and Excellence) grant which promotes the development of PBIS, making decisions based on data and promoting an environment for the success of all students. In addition, this grant also includes working with Project RENEW to provide services to students who are most at risk. Already as a result of these efforts the drop-out rate at Somersworth High School is much lower than it was a year ago.

During these times of national school violence we encourage all of our staff and students to be more vigilant of our collective safety and well-being. We are also taking additional measures to insure the security of our students, staff and school buildings. We know that security is a community responsibility and by working cooperatively with our parents and local officials it will enable us to protect our entire school community.

We are committed to the integration of technology within our school culture. Towards this end we have upgraded our technology working towards providing our students and staff the tools that they need to effectively use technology as part of teaching and learning.



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In addition we are using technology as a tool in the upkeep and maintenance of our facilities computerizing our work order system and adding a control program to our heating system so that we can monitor our buildings remotely.

As part of our energy saving efforts we have replaced the lights in the high school and middle school gymnasiums. We have replaced the clock and bell system at the middle school and replaced the phone system at the high school as well as replacing 20 year old carpets. To further maintain our buildings we have begun an annual painting and carpet replacement schedule.

Our high school building trades students along with businesses and members of our community are completing their second home for a family in Louisiana through the "There's No Place Like Home" project. This next year they will be building a home for a family here in New Hampshire. If you would like further information about this project, please contact the Career and Technical Center.

Through our strong supportive community and a caring, dedicated staff working together we are able to overcome the challenges that we face on a daily basis. We see these challenges as opportunities to educate our students today knowing that they are our future.

Karen Soule  
Superintendent of Schools

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# FOREST GLADE CEMETERY

Many of the City's walkers are still enjoying the beauty and quiet of the Forest Glade Cemetery. We have many people who come to the Cemetery in October to enjoy the color of the trees.

Those who have recently lost a loved one, come to visit often. This helps their grief process. We have many visitors coming to look for their ancestors. They want to see the place their grandparents, great grandparents, etc. are buried and take pictures to bring home and keep for future generations.

In 2006, we had 13 burials and installed foundations for markers and monuments. Pre-need lots were sold. A lot of people are planning where they want to be buried and purchasing lots for future needs. The cremation burial site is nearly completed and we hope to start selling lots in that area the summer of 2007. Three black granite benches are in the cremation area for people to sit on and enjoy the raised flower bed and the peacefulness around them.

## SOLID and BULKY WASTE

How much Solid Waste does Somersworth generate? For fiscal year 2006, Somersworth generated a total of 3,223.96 tons of rubbish and bulky waste (2,324.1 tons of curbside rubbish, 869.01 tons of curbside recyclables and 29.94 tons of metal and appliances). These figures do not include the leaf and yard waste that is put in the City's compost pile and all the brush that is chipped curbside.

## ADOPT-A-SPOT

Fiscal 2006 brought some new volunteers. Twenty-five spots were adopted. Because of our adopt-a-spot volunteers and our businesses taking more pride in their landscaping, Somersworth is looking better and better every year. Wentworth Greenhouses were very helpful to the Adopt-A-Spot program by accepting our vouchers for flowers and in giving advice on planting. The City wishes to thank everyone who has helped make the Adopt-A-Spot Program a success.



# HOUSING AUTHORITY

PROGRAM NAME	NUMBER OF UNITS/ACTIVITY	\$ (DOLLARS) BROUGHT INTO REGION	WHERE THE \$ (DOLLARS) GO	COMMENTS
<b>Public Housing</b>	<p>169 units of family and elderly housing for low and very low income.</p> <p>Albert J. Nadeau Homes -Bartlett Avenue: 56 Units - Family</p> <p>Edward S. Charpentier Apartments - Franklin Street: 49 Units - Elderly</p> <p>R.H. Filion Terrace - Washington Street: 64 Units - Elderly</p>	<p><b>Approx. \$307,060 per year in rental subsidy</b> above tenant rents received.</p> <p>Maintenance and operations budget of over <b>\$956,294 per year.</b></p> <p><b>\$4,500,000 total agency budget &amp; \$20,000,000 in total assets.</b></p>	<p>Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) approximately <b>\$24,503</b> per year.</p> <p>In the overall budget each year, there is approx. \$1,000,000 spent into the local economy with 71 staff positions, maintenance supplies, contractors and vendor payments, etc.</p>	<p>PILOT is determined by a Cooperation Agreement between the City and the SHA. Amount is Total Tenant Rents - Utility Costs x 10% (Actual water, sewer, trash collection and sand and salt bills are paid in full).</p> <p><b>Welfare Savings:</b> City Welfare and the SHA cooperate on almost a daily basis to most effectively serve the needy. <b>It has been calculated that every family that the SHA houses in its programs could save City Welfare \$15,000 per year in benefits paid.</b></p>
<b>P.H. Modernization (CIAP)</b>	Capital improvement grants to R/R family and elderly units.	<p>1996: \$175,000  1997: \$195,000  1998: \$412,000  1999: \$275,312  2000: \$264,162  2001: \$269,308  2002: \$255,796  2003: \$210,659  2004: \$243,741  2005: \$232,512  2006: \$223,075</p>		These funds are granted on a formula basis. These funds end up fueling the local economy by being contracted to local construction firms, architects, plumbers, roofers, electricians, etc.
<b>Community Gardening Program</b>	In cooperation with UNH Extension Services. We provide 16 4x8 foot community gardening plots to be cultivated by Albert J. Nadeau Homes residents.			
<b>Safe Haven/Police Mini-station</b>	Funded by the Milton Eisenhower Foundation the Safe Haven Program is aimed at assisting development children with school work and keeping them out of the criminal justice system.	\$150,000 per year		
<b>Preservation Park &amp; Smokey Hollow Common</b>	42 Units of elderly and family low income housing.	<p><b>Approx. \$462,721 per year</b> in direct subsidy.</p> <p>Total budget of project contributes an additional <b>\$448,522 per year</b> in maintenance, upkeep, vendors, contractors, and etc.</p>	<b>Pays full taxes to the City of approximately \$34,438 per year.</b>	

PROGRAM NAME	NUMBER OF UNITS/ACTIVITY	\$ (DOLLARS) BROUGHT INTO REGION	WHERE THE \$ (DOLLARS) GO	COMMENTS
<b>Albert "Jack" LaBonte Apartments</b>	37 units of elderly and disabled low income housing under the Low Income Tax Credit Program.	<b>Approx. \$352,908</b> per year in direct subsidy.  Total estimated projected costs for year <b>\$314,000</b>	<b>Pays full taxes to the City of approximately \$31,423 per year.</b>	This brand new complex opened in June of 2004 under the ownership of Jeff, Pat and David Francoeur.  This complex offers a living assistance program for qualifying residents, providing housekeeping, shopping assistance, and on-site service coordination.
<b>Queensbury Mill</b>	24 units of elderly and disabled low income housing under the Low Income Housing Tax Credit Program.	Approximately <b>\$305,210</b> per year in direct subsidy.  Total projected costs for year <b>\$290,900</b>	<b>Pays full taxes to the City of approximately \$14,843 per year.</b>	This renovated complex offers a living assistance program for qualifying residents, providing housekeeping, shopping assistance, and on-site service coordination.
<b>Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program</b>	Over 175 total elderly and family Vouchers to assist renting in private apartments.	<b>Approximately \$1,332,816</b> per year in direct subsidies paid to private landlords in the region.	All landlords are responsible for their own local tax payments. The vast majority are fully taxable properties, with a few landlords (non-profits) which may make their own arrangements with the City.  It is impossible to assess the total taxable property made viable by this program, but the subsidies allow owners to keep properties up to standards and operating better than without the Certificates and Vouchers.	This program allows the most flexibility to families, elderly and landlords. Lease arrangements are between the private landlord and the participant, with the SHA role being the administration of the subsidy and monitoring the quality of the apartments.
<b>Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG)</b>	Since 1975  Competitively awarded grants have been received almost every year for Public Facilities and Housing Acquisition and Rehabilitation.  Recent grants include the Awarding of \$500,000 for the Workforce Housing Project on Indigo Hill Road rehabilitating 38 units for affordable housing to our workforce community.	<b>Approx. \$22,100,000</b> in direct grants have been received.	These monies go towards projects which improve the living conditions of low/moderated income residents of Somersworth. The funding has also provided for handicapped access to public facilities. This program has allowed many residences and buildings in Somersworth to be renovated to decent standards that wouldn't have been possible without the funding.	These projects are administered by the SHA following approval by the City Council.  Increase in taxes for each unit rehabilitated.  \$9,500 per unit is awarded to qualified property owners. These funds are loaned at ½ of prime lending rate. The funds that are paid back are used for further property rehabilitation and downtown revitalization.



PROGRAM NAME	NUMBER OF UNITS/ACTIVITY	\$ (DOLLARS) BROUGHT INTO REGION	WHERE THE \$ (DOLLARS) GO	COMMENTS
<b>Congregate Elderly</b>	Federal program providing services for 20 elderly residents to prevent premature institutionalization.	<b>Approx. \$131,000</b> per year awarded to provide services, meals, and service coordination to 20 seniors residing in public housing.	No direct payment, but <b>Every resident we serve in its program would cost the country taxpayers over \$40,000 per year</b> were they to go to the local nursing home.  We have approx. 17 participants in this Congregate Program, and have placed several elderly on this program directly from a nursing home. Program participants provide him/her with the services needed to remain independent.	This program is cost effective and humane. We are able, even with the cost of housing subsidies, to keep an elderly person from being unnecessarily institutionalized for program costs (including housing subsidy, services, coordination and administration of about \$8,000 per year.  The Charpentier Apartments of the Public Housing Program, is one site for the Congregate Program. Other locations include Queensbury Mill Apts located on Market Street and the Albert "Jack" LaBonte Apartments located on Maple Street Ext.
<b>Flanagan Center</b>	Gym and Meeting Spaces provided for the Strafford County Head Start Program, the Early Education Program, City Recreation, Somersworth and other area schools, the Somersworth International Children's Festival and other civic organizations.	Since 1972, the SHA has provided free use to the City for this facility.  The SHA pays all staff costs and all utility costs for this facility. These costs result in lower PILOT payments to the City but have resulted in substantial savings in recreational, social, and civic user costs.	All costs are borne by the SHA out of operating subsidies.  Private groups pay \$25.00 per hour to rent the facility.	It would cost the City in excess of \$1,000,000 to construct its own recreational facility plus vast operational funds.
<b>Somersworth Early Learning Center</b>	Approx. 125-130 children (Center is fully accredited)	Approx. <b>\$899,974</b> from USDA, Child Care Development Fund (CCDF), the United Way, fundraising, and private clients.	Provides a clean, comfortable center for children of families who must work. Because of funding sources, the Center is able to provide a sliding fee scale for parents who must work but cannot afford daycare prices (approx. 61% of the daycare enrollees required these special payment arrangements).	This is one of the few Centers in the area that provide care for newborn infants (around 6 weeks of age).  Provides 2 meals and 1 snack per day that are nutritionally sound (USDA guidelines).
<b>Strafford County Nutrition</b>	Meals on Wheels (Home Delivered recipients): Approx. 230 persons per day.  Congregate Meals (3 sites): Approx. 180 persons per day.	Approx. <b>\$867,957</b> per year from USDA, Title XX, Title IIIC, and anonymous donations.	Provides for the nutritious meals and the staffing that is required to service elderly disabled persons in Strafford County who are homebound or are for some reason unable to make themselves a nutritious meal.	2,600 meals per week are served in Somersworth, Dover, Rochester, Farmington, Milton, Rollinsford, Durham, Strafford, Madbury, Lee, Barrington, Middleton and New Durham.

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***PROPOSED PROGRAMS: 2007***

Possible expansion of the Somersworth Early Learning Center to provide further space for kitchen storage and expansion of the multi-purpose room to accommodate additional school age children.

Completion of the final two buildings under the Washington Street renovations through the Capital Fund Program.



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## INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

Honorable Mayor and City Council  
City of Somersworth, New Hampshire

We have audited the accompanying general purpose financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the City of Somersworth, New Hampshire, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2006, which collectively comprise the City's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of the City of Somersworth's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinions.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the City of Somersworth, as of June 30, 2006, and the respective changes in financial position and cash flows, where applicable, thereof and the respective budgetary comparison for the General Fund for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

The management's discussion and analysis, appearing on the following pages, is not a required part of the basic financial statements but is supplementary information required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board. We have applied certain limited procedures, which consisted principally of inquiries of management regarding the methods of measurement and presentation of the required supplementary information. However, we did not audit the information and express no opinion on it.

In accordance with Government Auditing Standards, we have also issued our report dated October 17, 2006 on our consideration of the City's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with Government Auditing Standards and should be considered in assessing the results of our audit.

*Melanson, Heath + Company P.C.*

Nashua, New Hampshire  
October 17, 2006

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# FINANCE DEPARTMENT

## MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

As management of the City of Somersworth, we offer readers this narrative overview and analysis of the financial activities of the City of Somersworth for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2006. We encourage readers to consider the information here in conjunction with additional information that we have furnished in our letter of transmittal.

### OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

This discussion and analysis is intended to serve as an introduction to the basic financial statements. The basic financial statements are comprised of three components: (1) government-wide financial statements, (2) fund financial statements, and (3) notes to the financial statements. This report also contains other supplementary information in addition to the basic financial statements themselves.

**Government-Wide Financial Statements.** The government-wide financial statements are designed to provide readers with a broad overview of our finances in a manner similar to a private-sector business.

The statement of net assets presents information on all assets and liabilities, with the difference between the two reported as net assets. Over time, increases or decreases in net assets may serve as a useful indicator of whether the financial position is improving or deteriorating.

The statement of activities presents information showing how the government's net assets changed during the most recent fiscal year. All changes in net assets are reported as soon as the underlying event giving rise to the change occurs, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Thus, revenues and expenses are reported in this statement for some items that will only result in cash flows in future fiscal periods (e.g., uncollected taxes and earned but unused vacation leave).

Both of the government-wide financial statements distinguish functions that are principally supported by taxes and intergovernmental revenues (governmental activities) from other functions that are intended to recover all or a significant portion of their costs through user fees and charges (business-type activities). The governmental activities include general government, public safety, highways and streets, health and welfare, culture and recreation, and education. The business-type activities include water, sewer, and solid waste activities.

**Fund financial statements.** A fund is a grouping of related accounts that is used to maintain control over resources that have been segregated for specific activities or objectives. Fund accounting is used to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements. All of the funds can be divided into three categories: governmental funds, proprietary funds and fiduciary funds.



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**Governmental funds.** Governmental funds are used to account for essentially the same functions reported as governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. However, unlike the government-wide financial statements, governmental fund financial statements focus on near-term inflows and outflows of spendable resources, as well as on balances of spendable resources available at the end of the fiscal year. Such information may be useful in evaluating a government's near-term financing requirements.

Because the focus of governmental funds is narrower than that of the governmentwide financial statements, it is useful to compare the information presented for governmental funds with similar information presented for governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. By doing so, readers may better understand the long-term impact of the government's near-term financing decisions. Both the governmental fund balance sheet and the governmental fund statement of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balances provide a reconciliation to facilitate this comparison between governmental funds and governmental activities.

An annual appropriated budget is adopted for the general and debt service funds. A budgetary comparison statement has been provided for the general and debt service funds to demonstrate compliance with this budget.

**Proprietary funds.** Proprietary funds are maintained as follows:

Enterprise funds are used to report the same functions presented as business-type activities in the government-wide financial statements. Specifically, enterprise funds are used to account for water, sewer, and solid waste operations.

Proprietary funds provide the same type of information as the business-type activities reported in the government-wide financial statements, only in more detail. The proprietary fund financial statements provide separate information for the water, sewer, and solid waste operations, all of which are considered to be major funds.

**Fiduciary funds.** Fiduciary funds are used to account for resources held for the benefit of parties outside the government. Fiduciary funds are not reflected in the government-wide financial statements because the resources of those funds are not available to support the City's own programs. The accounting used for fiduciary funds is much like that used for proprietary funds.

**Notes to the financial statements.** The notes provide additional information that are essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the governmentwide and fund financial statements.

**Other information.** In addition to the basic financial statements and accompanying notes, this report also presents certain required supplementary information which is required to be disclosed by the *Governmental Accounting Standards Board*.

Additional combining statements and schedules are presented immediately following the notes to the financial statements.

**Statement of Net Assets**  
**June 30, 2006**

	Governmental Activities	Business-Type Activities	Total
<b>ASSETS</b>			
Current:			
Cash and short-term investments	\$ 8,381,817	\$ 493,551	\$ 8,875,368
Receivables, net of allowance for uncollectibles:			
Property taxes	348,497	-	348,497
User fees	-	165,688	165,688
Special assessments	33,833	-	33,833
Intergovernmental	117,610	6,836,616	6,954,226
Inventory	-	143,416	143,416
Other assets	90,932	-	90,932
Noncurrent:			
Receivables, net of allowance for uncollectibles:			
Property taxes	177,640	-	177,640
Special assessments	53,500	-	53,500
Capital assets:			
Land and construction in progress	2,040,512	1,067,790	3,108,302
Other capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation	12,860,825	19,094,296	31,955,121
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>24,105,166</b>	<b>27,801,357</b>	<b>51,906,523</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>			
Current:			
Accounts payable	574,176	63,097	637,273
Accrued liabilities	195,346	250,402	445,748
Reserved for tax refund	213,104	-	213,104
Prepaid taxes	6,460,568	-	6,460,568
Internal balances	(441,128)	441,128	-
Due to fiduciary funds	161,997	-	161,997
State revolving loan program	-	6,836,616	6,836,616
Other current liabilities	21,164	-	21,164
Current portion of long-term liabilities:			
Bonds payable	1,200,455	763,350	1,963,805
Lease payable	17,669	-	17,669
Other liabilities	141,004	-	141,004
Noncurrent:			
Bonds payable, net of current portion	8,429,900	11,003,254	19,433,154
Lease payable, net of current portion	59,032	-	59,032
Other liabilities, net of current portion	3,034,199	35,259	3,069,458
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>20,067,486</b>	<b>19,393,106</b>	<b>39,460,592</b>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>			
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	6,134,540	7,828,589	13,963,129
Restricted for:			
State and federal grants	(16,275)	-	(16,275)
Permanent funds:			
Nonexpendable	254,423	-	254,423
Expendable	(74,480)	-	(74,480)
Unrestricted	(2,260,528)	579,662	(1,680,866)
<b>TOTAL NET ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ 4,037,680</b>	<b>\$ 8,408,251</b>	<b>\$ 12,445,931</b>



# Statement of Activities For the Year Ended June 30, 2006

	Program Revenues			Net (Expenses) Revenues and Changes in Net Assets		
	Charges for Services	Operating Grants and Contributions	Capital Grants and Contributions	Governmental Activities	Business-Type Activities	Total
<b>Governmental Activities:</b>						
General government	\$ 1,384,574	\$ 1,831	\$ -	\$ (1,241,951)	\$ -	\$ (1,241,951)
Public safety	3,680,268	-	-	(3,607,911)	-	(3,607,911)
Highways and streets	2,437,513	758,990	101,798	(1,193,779)	-	(1,193,779)
Health and welfare	304,729	-	-	(303,929)	-	(303,929)
Culture and recreation	503,940	120	-	(383,423)	-	(383,423)
School department	18,754,119	8,666,490	180,579	(9,673,689)	-	(9,673,689)
Interest	521,074	-	-	(521,074)	-	(521,074)
County assessments	1,799,985	-	-	(1,799,985)	-	(1,799,985)
Total Governmental Activities	29,386,202	9,427,431	282,377	(18,725,741)	-	(18,725,741)
<b>Business-Type Activities:</b>						
Water services	1,386,474	-	-	-	(219,290)	(219,290)
Sewer services	1,892,982	-	-	-	(397,666)	(397,666)
Solid waste services	401,652	-	-	-	(61,610)	(61,610)
Total Business-Type Activities	3,681,108	-	-	-	(678,566)	(678,566)
Total	\$ 33,067,310	\$ 9,427,431	\$ 282,377	(18,725,741)	(678,566)	(19,404,307)
General Revenues:						
Taxes				16,289,439	-	16,289,439
Other revenues not restricted to specific programs:						
Motor vehicle registration fees				1,484,763	-	1,484,763
Intergovernmental				864,192	36,114	900,306
Interest				252,450	7,180	259,630
Miscellaneous				338,788	-	338,788
Permanent fund contributions				1,248	-	1,248
Transfers, net				100,000	(100,000)	-
Total general revenues, contributions, and transfers				19,330,880	(56,706)	19,274,174
Change in Net Assets				605,139	(735,272)	(130,133)
Net Assets:						
Beginning of year				3,432,541	9,143,523	12,576,064
End of year				\$ 4,037,680	\$ 8,408,251	\$ 12,445,931

**Governmental Funds  
Balance Sheet  
June 30, 2006**

	<u>General</u>	<u>Nonmajor Governmental Funds</u>	<u>Total Governmental Funds</u>
<b>ASSETS</b>			
Cash and short-term investments	\$ 7,406,748	\$ 975,069	\$ 8,381,817
Receivables:			
Property taxes	575,325	-	575,325
Departmental and other	90,189	-	90,189
Intergovernmental	-	117,610	117,610
Due from other funds	1,245,935	96,043	1,341,978
Advance from other funds	602,867	-	602,867
Other assets	<u>8,819</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>8,819</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ <u>9,929,883</u></b>	<b>\$ <u>1,188,722</u></b>	<b>\$ <u>11,118,605</u></b>
<b>LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES</b>			
Liabilities:			
Accounts payable	\$ 497,179	\$ 76,997	\$ 574,176
Deferred revenues	436,117	-	436,117
Due to other funds	906,606	156,241	1,062,847
Advance to other funds	-	602,867	602,867
Reserved for tax refund	213,104	-	213,104
Prepaid taxes	<u>6,481,734</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>6,481,734</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>8,534,740</b>	<b>836,105</b>	<b>9,370,845</b>
Fund Balances:			
Reserved for:			
Expenditures	100,000	-	100,000
Perpetual permanent funds	-	254,423	254,423
Advance	602,867	-	602,867
Unreserved:			
Undesignated, reported in:			
General fund	692,276	-	692,276
Special revenue funds	-	287,308	287,308
Capital project funds	-	340,440	340,440
Debt service funds	-	(455,074)	(455,074)
Permanent Funds	<u>-</u>	<u>(74,480)</u>	<u>(74,480)</u>
<b>TOTAL FUND BALANCES</b>	<b><u>1,395,143</u></b>	<b><u>352,617</u></b>	<b><u>1,747,760</u></b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES</b>	<b>\$ <u>9,929,883</u></b>	<b>\$ <u>1,188,722</u></b>	<b>\$ <u>11,118,605</u></b>



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**Reconciliation of Total Governmental Fund Balances  
to New Assets of Governmental Activities in the Statement of Net Assets  
June 30, 2006**

<b>Total governmental fund balances</b>	\$ 1,747,760
• Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in the funds.	14,901,337
• Revenues are reported on the accrual basis of accounting and are not deferred until collection.	466,188
• In the statement of activities, interest is accrued on outstanding long-term debt, whereas in governmental funds interest is not reported until due.	(195,346)
• Long-term liabilities, including bonds payable, are not due and payable in the current period and, therefore, are not reported in the governmental funds.	<u>(12,882,259)</u>
<b>Net assets of governmental activities</b>	<u>\$ 4,037,680</u>

**Governmental Funds**  
**Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances**  
**For the Year Ended June 30, 2006**

	<u>General</u>	Nonmajor Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
<b>Revenues:</b>			
Taxes	\$ 16,264,215	\$ -	\$ 16,264,215
Licenses and permits	1,657,528	-	1,657,528
Intergovernmental	9,213,615	1,296,391	10,510,006
Charges for services	392,470	404,487	796,957
Interest income	184,653	129,508	314,161
Other revenues:			
Contributions	11,579	234,465	246,044
Other	71,130	13,811	84,941
Total Revenues	<u>27,795,190</u>	<u>2,078,662</u>	<u>29,873,852</u>
<b>Expenditures:</b>			
Current:			
General government	1,307,563	129	1,307,692
Public safety	3,549,968	27,689	3,577,657
Highways and streets	2,186,853	1,185,131	3,371,984
Health and welfare	306,748	-	306,748
Culture and recreation	445,955	193,705	639,660
School department	16,522,367	1,481,830	18,004,197
Other	-	15,578	15,578
Debt service:			
Principal	775,000	290,000	1,065,000
Interest	452,826	73,682	526,508
Intergovernmental:			
Assessments	1,799,985	-	1,799,985
Total Expenditures	<u>27,347,265</u>	<u>3,267,744</u>	<u>30,615,009</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	447,925	(1,189,082)	(741,157)
<b>Other Financing Sources (Uses):</b>			
Transfers in	-	225,000	225,000
Transfers out	(125,000)	-	(125,000)
Proceeds from long-term notes	-	1,395,355	1,395,355
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	<u>(125,000)</u>	<u>1,620,355</u>	<u>1,495,355</u>
Net change in fund balances	322,925	431,273	754,198
Fund Balances, at Beginning of Year	<u>1,072,218</u>	<u>(78,656)</u>	<u>993,562</u>
Fund Balances, at End of Year	\$ <u>1,395,143</u>	\$ <u>352,617</u>	\$ <u>1,747,760</u>



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**Reconciliation of the Statement of  
Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances  
of Governmental Funds to the Statement of Activities  
For the Year Ended June 30, 2006**

**NET CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - TOTAL GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS** **\$ 754,198**

- Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the Statement of Activities the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives and reported as depreciation expense:

Capital outlay purchases	1,163,700
Depreciation	(983,866)

- Revenues in the Statement of Activities that do not provide current financial resources are fully deferred in the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances. Therefore, the recognition of revenue for various types of accounts receivable (i.e., real estate and personal property, motor vehicle excise, etc.) differ between the two statements. This amount represents the net change in deferred revenue. 23,931

- The issuance of long-term debt (e.g., bonds and leases) provides current financial resources to governmental funds, while the repayment of the principal of long-term debt consumes the financial resources of governmental funds. Neither transaction, however, has any effect on net assets:

Repayments of bonded debt	1,030,000
Issuance of bond debt	(1,395,355)
Repayments of leased debt	20,031
Issuance of leased debt	(64,368)

- In the statement of activities, interest is accrued on outstanding long-term debt, whereas in governmental funds interest is not reported until due. 5,434

- Some expenses reported in the Statement of Activities, such as compensated absences, do not require the use of current financial resources and therefore, are not reported as expenditures in the governmental funds. 51,434

**CHANGE IN NET ASSETS OF GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES** **\$ 605,139**

**General Fund**  
**Statement of Revenues and Other Sources,**  
**and Expenditures and Other Uses - Budget and Actual**  
**For the Year Ended June 30, 2006**

	<u>Budgeted Amounts</u>		<u>Actual Amounts</u>	<u>Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)</u>
	<u>Original Budget</u>	<u>Final Budget</u>		
<b>Revenues and other sources:</b>				
Taxes	\$ 16,361,526	\$ 16,436,526	\$ 16,565,868	\$ 129,342
Licenses and permits	1,661,546	1,661,546	1,657,528	(4,018)
Intergovernmental	8,369,569	8,369,569	8,953,211	583,642
Charges for services	364,634	400,634	392,470	(8,164)
Interest income	35,000	35,000	184,653	149,653
Other revenues	126,000	90,000	82,709	(7,291)
Use of fund balance	<u>451,136</u>	<u>451,136</u>	<u>451,136</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Revenues and Other Sources	27,369,411	27,444,411	28,287,575	843,164
<b>Expenditures and other uses:</b>				
Current:				
General government	1,560,674	1,512,174	1,307,563	204,611
Public safety	3,582,944	3,474,944	3,426,443	48,501
Highways and streets	2,097,822	2,097,822	2,060,603	37,219
Health and welfare	343,710	336,213	306,748	29,465
Culture and recreation	448,187	448,187	445,955	2,232
School department	16,287,688	16,287,688	16,385,488	(97,800)
Debt service	1,229,460	1,236,148	1,227,826	8,322
Intergovernmental:				
Assessments	1,642,676	1,799,985	1,799,985	-
Other financing uses:				
Transfers out	<u>176,250</u>	<u>251,250</u>	<u>251,250</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Expenditures and Other Uses	<u>27,369,411</u>	<u>27,444,411</u>	<u>27,211,861</u>	<u>232,550</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues and other sources over expenditures and other uses	\$ <u>-</u>	\$ <u>-</u>	\$ <u>1,075,714</u>	\$ <u>1,075,714</u>



**Proprietary Funds  
Statement of Net Assets  
June 30, 2006**

	Business-Type Activities Enterprise Funds			
	Water Fund	Sewer Fund	Solid Waste Fund	Total
<b><u>ASSETS</u></b>				
Current:				
Cash and short-term investments	\$ 189,930	\$ 303,621	\$ -	\$ 493,551
User fees, net of allowance for uncollectibles	76,015	76,631	13,042	165,688
Intergovernmental receivables	5,000,000	1,836,616	-	6,836,616
Due from other funds	2,213	646,352	-	648,565
Inventory	135,768	-	7,648	143,416
Total current assets	5,403,926	2,863,220	20,690	8,287,836
Noncurrent:				
Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation	2,472,162	17,689,924	-	20,162,086
Total noncurrent assets	2,472,162	17,689,924	-	20,162,086
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>7,876,088</b>	<b>20,553,144</b>	<b>20,690</b>	<b>28,449,922</b>
<b><u>LIABILITIES</u></b>				
Current:				
Accounts payable	-	63,097	-	63,097
Due to other funds	328,342	725,075	36,276	1,089,693
Accrued and other liabilities	41,341	209,061	-	250,402
State revolving loan program	5,000,000	1,836,616	-	6,836,616
Current portion of long-term liabilities: Bonds payable	232,119	531,231	-	763,350
Total current liabilities	5,601,802	3,365,080	36,276	9,003,158
Noncurrent:				
Bonds payable, net of current portion	1,194,859	9,808,395	-	11,003,254
Other	35,259	-	-	35,259
Total noncurrent liabilities	1,230,118	9,808,395	-	11,038,513
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>6,831,920</b>	<b>13,173,475</b>	<b>36,276</b>	<b>20,041,671</b>
<b><u>NET ASSETS</u></b>				
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	1,045,186	6,783,403	-	7,828,589
Unrestricted	(1,018)	596,266	(15,586)	579,662
<b>TOTAL NET ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ 1,044,168</b>	<b>\$ 7,379,669</b>	<b>\$ (15,586)</b>	<b>\$ 8,408,251</b>

**Proprietary Funds**  
**Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Fund Net Assets**  
**For the Year Ended June 30, 2006**

	Business-Type Activities Enterprise Funds			
	Water Fund	Sewer Fund	Solid Waste Fund	Total
<b>Operating Revenues:</b>				
Charges for services	\$ 991,377	\$ 1,413,548	\$ 340,042	\$ 2,744,967
Other	<u>175,807</u>	<u>81,768</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>257,575</u>
Total Operating Revenues	1,167,184	1,495,316	340,042	3,002,542
<b>Operating Expenses:</b>				
Operating expenses	958,127	1,211,311	401,652	2,571,090
Depreciation	235,526	386,086	-	621,612
Other	<u>134,833</u>	<u>86,233</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>221,066</u>
Total Operating Expenses	<u>1,328,486</u>	<u>1,683,630</u>	<u>401,652</u>	<u>3,413,768</u>
Operating Income (Loss)	(161,302)	(188,314)	(61,610)	(411,226)
<b>Nonoperating Revenues (Expenses):</b>				
Intergovernmental revenue	36,114	-	-	36,114
Interest income	7,180	-	-	7,180
Interest expense	<u>(57,988)</u>	<u>(209,352)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(267,340)</u>
Total Nonoperating Revenues (Expenses), Net	<u>(14,694)</u>	<u>(209,352)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(224,046)</u>
Income (Loss) Before Transfers	(175,996)	(397,666)	(61,610)	(635,272)
<b>Transfers:</b>				
Transfers out	<u>-</u>	<u>(100,000)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(100,000)</u>
Change in Net Assets	(175,996)	(497,666)	(61,610)	(735,272)
Net Assets at Beginning of Year	<u>1,220,164</u>	<u>7,877,335</u>	<u>46,024</u>	<u>9,143,523</u>
Net Assets at End of Year	<u>\$ 1,044,168</u>	<u>\$ 7,379,669</u>	<u>\$ (15,586)</u>	<u>\$ 8,408,251</u>

**Proprietary Funds**  
**Statement of Cash Flows**  
**For the Year Ended June 30, 2006**

	Business-Type Activities Enterprise Funds			
	Water Fund	Sewer Fund	Solid Waste Fund	Total
<b><u>Cash Flows From Operating Activities:</u></b>				
Receipts from customers and users	\$ 1,127,537	\$ 1,491,190	\$ 362,198	\$ 2,980,925
Payments to vendors and employees	(1,161,791)	(1,196,797)	(398,474)	(2,757,062)
Net Cash Provided By (Used For) Operating Activities	(34,254)	294,393	(36,276)	223,863
<b><u>Cash Flows From Noncapital Financing Activities:</u></b>				
Due from other funds	200,576	676,894	36,276	913,746
Transfers to other funds	-	(100,000)	-	(100,000)
Intergovernmental subsidy	740,622	-	-	740,622
Net Cash (Used For) Noncapital Financing Activities	941,198	576,894	36,276	1,554,368
<b><u>Cash Flows From Capital and Related Financing Activities:</u></b>				
Acquisition and construction of capital assets	(198,306)	(1,895,135)	-	(2,093,441)
Principal payments on bonds and notes	(650,000)	(15,000)	-	(665,000)
Interest expense	(57,988)	(209,352)	-	(267,340)
Proceeds from State revolving loan program	-	1,192,642	-	1,192,642
Net Cash (Used For) Capital and Related Financing Activities	(906,294)	(926,845)	-	(1,833,139)
<b><u>Cash Flows From Investing Activities:</u></b>				
Investment income	7,180	-	-	7,180
Net Cash (Used For) Investing Activities	7,180	-	-	7,180
Net Change in Cash and Short-Term Investments	7,830	(55,558)	-	(47,728)
Cash and Short Term Investments, Beginning of Year	182,100	359,179	-	541,279
Cash and Short Term Investments, End of Year	\$ 189,930	\$ 303,621	\$ -	\$ 493,551
<b><u>Reconciliation of Operating Income to Net Cash Provided by (Used For) Operating Activities:</u></b>				
Operating income (loss)	\$ (161,302)	\$ (188,314)	\$ (61,610)	\$ (411,226)
Adjustments to reconcile operating income (loss) to net cash provided by (used for) operating activities:				
Depreciation	235,526	386,086	-	621,612
Changes in assets and liabilities:				
User fees	(37,434)	(27,091)	566	(63,959)
Inventory	(65,061)	-	3,178	(61,883)
Due from other funds	(2,213)	22,965	21,590	42,342
Accounts payable	-	(107,052)	-	(107,052)
Accrued liabilities	(5,695)	207,799	-	202,104
Other	1,925	-	-	1,925
Net Cash Provided By (Used For) Operating Activities	\$ (34,254)	\$ 294,393	\$ (36,276)	\$ 223,863



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**Fiduciary Funds**  
**Statement of Fiduciary Net Assets**  
**June 30, 2006**

	Private Purpose Trust Funds	Agency Funds
<b><u>ASSETS</u></b>		
Cash and short term investments	\$ 179,769	\$ 591,966
Investments	10,108	-
Due from other funds	<u>-</u>	<u>161,997</u>
Total Assets	189,877	753,963
 <b><u>LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</u></b>		
Other liabilities:		
Escrow deposits held	<u>-</u>	<u>753,963</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>-</u>	<u>753,963</u>
 <b><u>NET ASSETS</u></b>		
Total net assets held in trust	\$ <u>189,877</u>	\$ <u>-</u>

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**Fiduciary Funds**  
**Statement of Changes in Fiduciary Net Assets**  
**For the Year Ended June 30, 2006**

	<u>Private Purpose Trust Funds</u>
<b>Additions:</b>	
Investment income (loss)	\$ 7,723
Total additions	<u>7,723</u>
<b>Deductions:</b>	
Miscellaneous:	
Bequests and expenses	<u>628</u>
Total deductions	<u>628</u>
Net increase (decrease)	7,095
<b>Net assets:</b>	
Beginning of year	<u>182,782</u>
End of year	<u><u>\$ 189,877</u></u>





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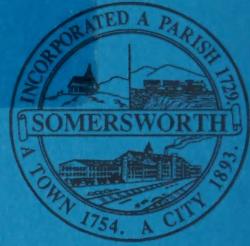




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# City of Somersworth

## Service Directory



Adopt-A-Spot Program .....	692-4266
Auto Registration .....	692-9555
Betterment Assessments .....	692-9555
Birth/Marriage/Death Certificates .....	692-9511 or 692-9512
Blocked Storm Drains .....	692-4266
Building Permits and Inspections .....	692-9522
Compost Facility .....	692-4266
Council Agenda Information .....	692-9511 or 692-9512
Dog Licenses .....	692-9511 or 692-9512
Elections/Voter Registration .....	692-9511 or 692-9512
Emergency Welfare Assistance .....	692-9509
Historical Reference Questions .....	692-4587
Library Information .....	692-4587
Marriage Licenses .....	692-9511 or 692-9512
Museum Pass Reservations .....	692-4587
Pay Per Bags / Bulky Waste Stickers .....	692-9511 or 692-9512
Police .....	692-3131
Road Repairs .....	692-4266
Property Maintenance Inspections .....	692-9521
Property Taxes .....	692-9555
Recycling Info .....	692-4266
Resident Taxes .....	692-9555
Service Agency Referrals .....	692-9509
Sewer Backups .....	692-4266
Snow Ban Info .....	692-9131
Street Light Problems .....	692-4266
Traffic Light Problems .....	692-4266
Trash Info .....	692-4266
Water Main Breaks .....	692-9523
Water / Sewer Bills .....	692-9523
Water / Sewer Payments .....	692-9555